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Encl: (1) COMFITWING ONE Command History for 1987
(2) Biography of Captain J. F. Manning, Jr.
(3) Photo of Captain J. F. Manning, Jr.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are hereby submitted.


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COMFITWING ONE COMMAND HISTORY

Calendar Year 1987

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Mission. To exercise administrative and operational control over readiness training squadrons and other units assigned. Fighter Wing ONE assists airwing commanders and fleet squadron commanding officers in all aspects of training and material readiness while shore-based and, when appropriate, while squadrons are deployed.

b. Commander. Captain John F. Manning, Jr.

c. Command Relationship. Commander, Fighter Wing ONE reports to Commander Fighter Medium Attack Airborne Early Warning Wings, Atlantic. COMFITWING ONE has been assigned to act as Commander, Fleet Air Detachment Administration of Naval Air Station Oceana and coordinates activities within the command areas.

2. Chronology.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
21-23 JAN	SEABAT 1-87; large scale fleet air defense electronic warfare exercise conducted off the Virginia Capes, coordinated by Commander, Fighter Wing ONE.
12-15 MAR	Electronic Warfare Week involving joint training with USAF B-52's.
31 MAR - 3 APR	SEABAT 2-87 conducted off Virginia Capes.
14-18 MAY	Electronic Warfare Week involving joint training with USAF B-52's.
2 JUN	Fighter Squadron SEVENTY-FOUR change of command. Commander M. F. Rioux relieved Commander K. L. McCrory.
10 JUL	Fighter Squadron ELEVEN change of command. Commander M. E. Robinson relieved by Commander I. E. Richardson III.
3-5 AUG	SEABAT 3-87 conducted off Virginia Capes.
25 AUG	Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ONE change of command. Commander C. M. de Gruy relieved by Commander J. A. Campbell.
19-23 OCT	SEABAT 1-88 conducted off Virginia Capes.

22 OCT Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN change of command.
Commander P. W. Bauer relieved by Commander
D. M. Chopp.

18 DEC Fighter Squadron THIRTY-ONE change of command.
Commander D. P. Curry relieved by Commander
S. H. Austin.

3. Safety. During calendar year 1987, Fighter Wing ONE aircraft flew a total of 63,810 hours with four Class "A" mishaps. The major mishap rate of 6.27 per 100,000 flight hours compares to rates of 3.05 in CY 86 and 0.00 in CY 85.

4. Maintenance. Standardized Corrosion Audit Procedures, established objective grading criteria for aircraft material inspections, and implemented COMFITWING ONE Monthly Maintenance Gram to disseminate current maintenance policies, procedures and standardize maintenance related functions within the Fighter Wing community. In addition, a Maintenance Alert Program was implemented to issue pertinent critical maintenance information which had been previously issued via hazard reports, bulletins, and/or technical directives.

5. Readiness. Initiated first Tactical Air Reconnaissance exercise involving all LANTFLT F-14 TARPS squadrons. Grading and evaluation provided current assessment of the readiness posture of the TARPS squadrons within Fighter Wing ONE.

Supported 36 Navy airshow requests for aerial demonstrations and over 20 multiple-plane flybys for POW/MIA Day, memorials, Special Olympics and ships' commissionings. Numerous static displays and tours for congressional groups, visiting dignitaries and civic organizations were coordinated throughout CY 87.

CAPTAIN JOHN F. MANNING, JR.

Captain John F. Manning, Jr. was born in (b) (6). He graduated from Villanova University in June 1965 with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree. Commissioned an Ensign in November 1965 via the Aviation Officer Candidate Program he was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1967.

Following F-4 replacement pilot training with Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ONE he reported to Fighter Squadron FORTY-ONE in October 1967. He made Mediterranean deployments with Air Wing SEVEN embarked in USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) and with Air Wing SIX embarked in USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (CVA 42).

In September 1970 he again reported to Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ONE for duty as an instructor pilot and Landing Signal Officer. In June 1971 he was ordered to the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. Upon graduation in December 1973 with a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering he reported to Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR at Naval Air Station Miramar, California.

After completing F-14 readiness training he reported to Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN in October 1974. He made the first Atlantic Fleet F-14A deployment to the Mediterranean in June 1975 and a deployment to the North Atlantic in August 1976 embarked in USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) serving as Maintenance Officer and Aviation Safety Officer.

After selection for test pilot training, he reported to the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland in January 1977. Upon graduation from the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School in December 1977, he reported to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron FOUR at Naval Air Station Point Mugu, California. During his tour he served as Chief Operational Test Director responsible for the prosecution of over forty Chief of Naval Operations projects involving operational test of U.S. Navy and foreign military aircraft, weapons and weapons systems. In addition, he served as the Officer in Charge of the VX-4 detachment at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland conducting the Initial Operational Test and Evaluation of the F/A-18 Naval Strike Fighter.

In May 1981 he reported to the Swordsmen of Fighter Squadron THIRTY-TWO where he served as Executive Officer until assuming command on 17 July 1982. During his command tour, Fighter Squadron THIRTY-TWO was awarded Battle Efficiency "E", and the Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award for an Atlantic Fleet Fighter Squadron.

In January 1984 Captain Manning reported to the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island for the Senior Officer's Post Command Course. Subsequent to a tour as the Fighter Training and Readiness Officer on the staff of Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, he assumed command of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ONE on 11 October 1985. On completion of his tour as Commanding Officer of the Fleet Replacement Squadron, Captain Manning assumed command of Fighter Wing ONE in September 1986.

Captain Manning is a member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and has accumulated over 4600 flight hours in over 30 different aircraft types. He has logged more than 800 arrested carrier landings.

Captain Manning is married to the former (b) (6). They reside in (b) (6) with their children, (b) (6) and (b) (6).

